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Mr. Harold Weisberg
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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

I wrote to you in December and November, and both times received a very kind reply. I hope that you have fully recovered from your surgery and'd like to know if you've made any plans for a speaking engagement in the Los Angeles or Orange County areas.

In January, I began subscribing to Penn Jones' newsletter, The Continuing Inquiry. An article in the March issue states that the NSCA made all of their classified documents exempt from the FOIA. Can you tell me if this is true, and if so, what reason the Committee gave for this action?

I know that you know a great amount about the the FOIA from first-hand experience, so perhaps you can tell me what will happen now, as a result of Wm. French Smith's recent order concerning the Act. Are suits that were filed before his order affected? Can anything be done to keep the FOIA intact, or shall we, so to speak, kiss it good-bye?

I've recently become interested in the RFK assassination and have read Donald Freed's "The Killing of RFK" which I found informative and deeply moving. Unfortunately, I don't know of any other books on the subject. Can you suggest any?

I'd like to recommend to you a book that I've found most interesting. "Death in Washington" is by Donald Freed (published by Lawrence Hill and Co.) and is about the death of Orlando Letelier and the overthrow of Allende's government in Chile. Portions of the book focus on the JFK assassination, and David Atlee Phillips. (I have enclosed a N.Y. Times book review of "Death in Washington.") You may have difficulty in finding this book, so if you are interested I'd be more than happy to send you a copy, at my own expense.

Again, I hope that you are well, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,
Jan Vincek Martin